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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 15, 2003, applicant submits replacement formal drawings for the above-referenced application as required. We are unable to remove the borders because they are part of the graphs. Please substitute the replacement drawings for the drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time and encloses form PTO-2038 for payment of the one month extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to debit any additional fees which might be due to Deposit Account No. 15-0610.

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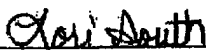
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